



Hello and Happy New Year TBT Brotherhood!

Our first Wednesday Nite with the Hood is scheduled for
January 20th from 6:30-9:00PM at TBT.

We have arranged for two speakers to address current issues in Israel and the middle east. Dinner at 6:30, presentation begins at 7:00PM. I am looking for some volunteers to help coordinate the food and service for this event. Any volunteers?

Israel, Current Issues and the World's View.



I am excited to introduce our two speakers from **StandWithUs** Northwest. This local chapter of an international organization defines part of it's mission as "Supporting Israel Locally through Education and Advocacy". StandWithUs has numerous accomplishments and I encourage you to learn a bit about their organization by visiting their website prior to the presentation. They can be found on the web at

<http://www.StandWithUs.com/Northwest>. Our presenters are Michael Newman and Rob Jacobs.



Rob Jacobs is the Northwest regional director of StandWithUs, an Israel education and advocacy non-profit. StandWithUs provides educational materials, speakers and films to secondary school teachers and provides the same support as well as advocacy training to college students and student organizations. In the community, StandWithUs was a leader in the opposition to Initiative 97, an effort to have the City of Seattle divest from companies doing business with or in Israel. StandWithUs also provided educational materials to attendees of the play *My Name is Rachel Corrie* and has fought efforts to add anti-Israel planks to local district political party platforms.

Rob is an attorney who worked for nine years for congressional offices in Washington DC. He was counsel to the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; counsel to the US House Committee on the Budget; and Legislative Director for U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD).

Rob then spent three years as a human rights attorney working in Guatemala, Ecuador and Perú, before returning to the States to work for Amazon.com, the University of Washington and then as regional director for the Anti-Defamation League before taking his current position with StandWithUs.

Michael Newman is a business consultant with an MBA from the University of Michigan. He has been a long-time speaker on issues relating to Israel. He has worked closely with the Federation of Greater Seattle, speaking to groups that contacted the Federation seeking information on Israel. He has also spoken independently on a wide variety of issues relating to Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Michael returned just last year from living and working for a number of years in Israel and expects to return to live and work there for extended periods of each year.

I feel that both of these gentlemen will present an interesting perspective on the current political situation in Israel and global issues and sentiment that affects her growth and stability. I look forward to seeing many of you on the 20th. **Please RSVP via e-mail if you plan on attending.**

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